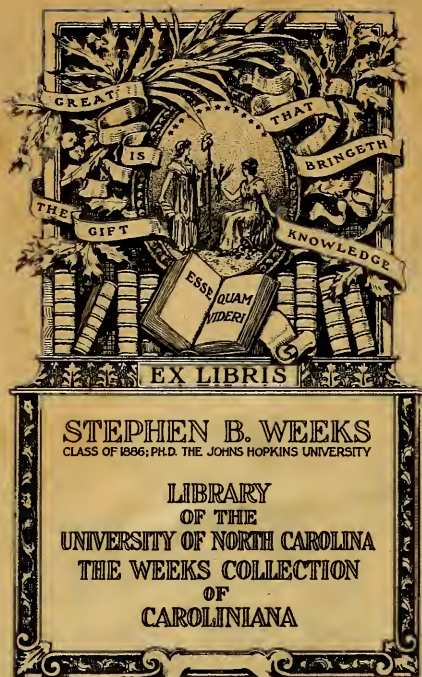


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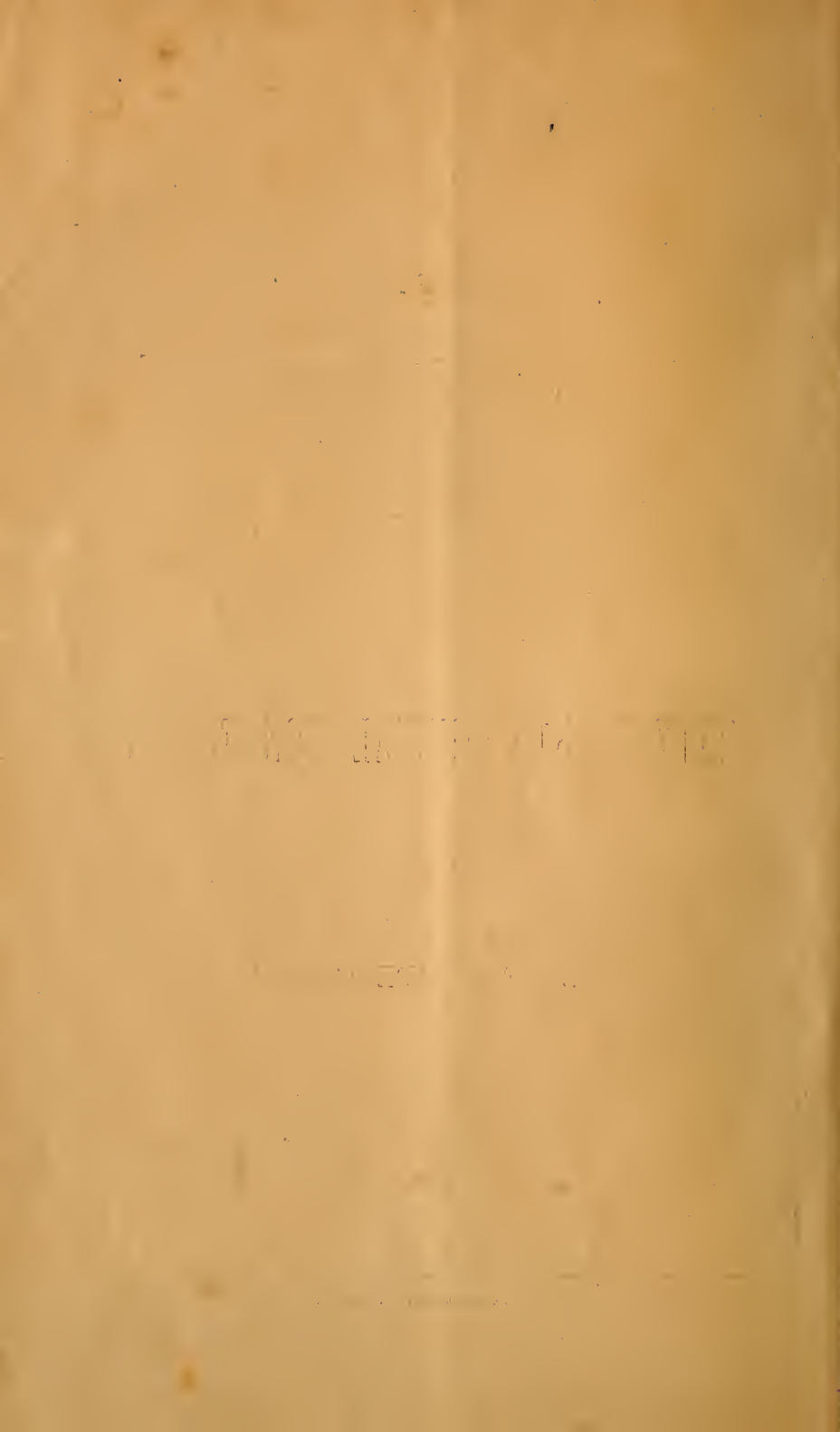
TO THE

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

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Address.

Dear Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

I cannot enter upon a recital of the labors of the past year, without first expressing the deep regret, in which I know you all so fully sympathize, that we are deprived of the presence with us, at our Convention, of our loved and honored Bishop.

Stricken down as he was in the midst of a visitation too arduous and laborious for him, and still suffering from the effects of this painful attack, he has been compelled to forego the pleasure, which he had so confidently anticipated, of meeting with us on this occasion. And while deeply thankful for the tidings which assure us of his steady improvement, let our united prayers arise that he may speedily be restored to his former health, and be much longer spared to a Diocese which he so warmly loves, and which so thoroughly reciprocates his deep and tender affection.

The first official act, which I have to record, since my last Annual Address, was while the Convention was still in session at Fayetteville. On the evening of Thursday, May 15th, I visited St. Joseph's Church, in that city, and, after evening prayer by Rev. Mr. Bush and Rev. Mr. Brady, I preached, confirmed two persons, and addressed them.

Thursday, May 22d, being Ascension Day, in St. Mary's Chapel, Raleigh, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Whit-Sunday, June 1st, in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, after morning prayer by Rev. B. S. Lassiter, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. The next day I left for New York, to meet the members of my family who were shortly expected on their return from Europe. I accompanied

them, at the end of the week, to New Milford, Conn., and, on Trinity Sunday, June 8th, I preached in St. John's Church, in that place. On the evening of that day, in the same church, I made an address, by special request, on the religious condition of the freedmen.

The following Sunday, June 15th, I spent in Philadelphia, and, in the morning, took part in the services at St. Mark's Church.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity, July 6th, preached in Grace Church, Baltimore, and took part in the administration of the Holy Communion. The following Sunday, July 13th, I preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 20th, in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsboro, I preached, confirmed eight persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. At night a special service was held in the same church, for the coloured people, when I preached again, confirmed four persons and addressed them.

It was gratifying to notice that, after the great loss which the Parish had sustained by the removal of Rev. Dr. Sutton, the entrance of Rev. E. N. Joyner upon the rectorship was welcomed with so much kindness and cordiality. He has taken hold of his work with energy and zeal, and seems to have secured, what is ever so necessary to success, the active co-operation of the congregation. I was specially pleased to observe the interest manifested in behalf of the coloured people, and there seemed every reason to believe that a good work would be done there among them. I fear that in most of our Parishes there is not a sufficient appreciation of the duty of seeking to bring this class of our population under the sober and enlightening influence of our instructive services. I have long felt that the system, which the Church provides, is exactly suited to their needs; and that wise and zealous efforts on our part will do very much to save the coloured people from the injurious and demoralizing influence of religious systems, which appeal chiefly to the feelings, the pas-

sions and the emotions, rather than to the reason, the judgment and the conscience. Here is a great work, then, to which the Providence of God is calling us, and which we must strive to enter upon with wisdom, earnestness and zeal.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 27th, in Christ Church, Raleigh, I admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. Benjamin Skinner Lassiter, Deacon, on presentation by the Rev. J. E. C. Smedes. I preached and administered the Holy Communion. I was assisted in the services by Rev. Dr. Marshall, Rev. B. Smedes and Rev. E. R. Rich.

Tuesday, July 29th, left Raleigh to enter upon a visitation in the western part of the State. I remained part of a day in Morganton, and also stopped a day at Glen Alpine Springs.

On Friday, August 1st, in a private house at Old Fort, after evening prayer by Rev. N. Falls, I preached, confirmed two persons and addressed them. A small chapel is much needed here, and I trust it will not be long before this great need may be supplied.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity, August 3d, in Trinity Church, Asheville, after morning prayer by the Rev. Dr. Buxton, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I preached in the chapel for the coloured people, after evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Buxton and Rev. Mr. Berry.

Wednesday, August 6th, preached in St. John's in the Wilderness, Flat Rock, Henderson county, the service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Drayton.

Thursday, August 7th, in St. James' Church, Hendersonville, after morning prayer by Rev. Messrs. Osborne and Holmes, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Rev. Dr. Buel.

Friday, August 8th, in St. Paul's in the Valley, Transylvania county, after morning prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening, preached in the Court-house at Brevard.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity, August 10th, in Calvary Church, Henderson county, after morning prayer by Rev. Messrs. Holmes and Osborne, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, August 12th, in the chapel at Haw Creek, Buncombe county, after evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Buxton, I preached and confirmed two persons.

Thursday, August 14th, in the chapel at Leicester, in the same county, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Bland and Dr. Buel, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Tenth Sunday after Trinity, August 17th, in the Methodist Chapel at Waynesville, Haywood county, after morning prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. It afforded me much pleasure to find in this place, a very beautiful and attractive church edifice, rapidly advancing towards completion. It reflects great credit upon the architect who designed it, and the skillful builder who has carried out the plan, with many judicious suggestions of his own. The interior finish is made up wholly of the exquisitely beautiful varieties of wood which so abound in that region, and which will be preserved in their original colour and texture. I have not seen the building since its completion, but I feel sure that for elegance of taste and architectural propriety, no wooden church building in our State will be at all comparable with it. Great credit is due to the Rev. Dr. Buel for the self-sacrificing zeal and energy with which he has urged forward this noble work.

At Mica Vale, only a few miles from Waynesville, and in quite a populous neighborhood, a Sunday School has been established, chiefly through the active zeal of two earnest members of our Church. I visited this place in the afternoon of the day of my service at Waynesville. I met there a large concourse of children, accompanied by their parents, and after making a brief address to them, in the open air, in connection with the presen-

tation of a Sunday School Banner, I preached to them in a school-house near by, which was kindly offered for our service. If a small chapel could be erected in this neighborhood, we should soon be able to gather in a goodly number of those who are now looking with much interest upon our Church and its services.

On Monday, August 18th, accompanied by the Rev. Dr. Buel, I proceeded on to Webster, the county-seat of Jackson county, and the next day, Tuesday, August 19th, in a school-house which is used by different denominations as a place of worship, I preached and confirmed two persons. I urged the importance of an effort to build here, as speedily as possible, a plain and simple church edifice; and I was glad to find, among many of the citizens, a readiness to co-operate in such a work. With a little outside help, this much needed object may easily be accomplished. I endeavoured to make arrangements for occasional services at Webster, which Dr. Buel very kindly consented to undertake, although quite heavily burdened already with missionary duties. He greatly needs a co-worker in his large field, and I hope we may soon find a suitable person to be associated with him.

Shortly after the conclusion of our service at Webster, we drove on to Franklin, Macon county, and finally reached our destination, seven miles beyond Franklin, long after the deep darkness had overtaken us. We only found our way through the kindness of one living in the neighborhood, who, realizing the difficulty in which we were placed, cheerfully mounted his horse and piloted us through the woods to our journey's end.

The next day, Wednesday, August 20th, we proceeded two miles further on, to the log-school house, which had recently been erected for the use of St. John's Mission. A neat log-house has also been built, near by, as the residence of the missionary, Rev. J. A. Deal, to which we at once repaired.

A few minutes before the hour appointed for our service, I was waited on by some of the members of the Congregation, who informed me that the school-house was entirely filled, while

the people were still pouring in from different directions, quite beyond the capacity of the building. I advised that a place be selected at once in a beautiful grove, near by, to which the Communion table, lecturn and seats might be removed. In a short time, everything was satisfactorily arranged, and accompanied by Dr. Buel and Rev. Mr. Deal, all duly vested, I proceeded to the spot, and enjoyed, under the high vault of Heaven, one of the most interesting services in which I have ever participated. Dr. Buel and Rev. Mr. Deal said morning prayer. I took up the Communion office, preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Holy Communion. At night, I preached, in the school-house, to a large congregation, and confirmed one person, who was none other than the Good Samaritan who had mercifully befriended us the previous evening.

The next day, Thursday, August 21st, we went five miles in another direction, to Patton's School House, where the Rev. Mr. Deal has been holding stated services, as a part of his mission work. Here we found a large congregation, and much interest was manifested. Dr. Buel and Mr. Deal conducted the service and I preached. It is worthy of remark that when Mr. Deal entered upon this mission work, some three years ago, there was only one family in the neighborhood attached to our Church. Since then, we have had valuable accessions, and great zeal has been shown by those who have been learning the ways of the Church. Mr. Deal is doing a most excellent work here, and richly deserves our sympathy and co-operation. He is now making vigorous efforts to secure the erection of a church, and I trust he may meet with every encouragement.

After the service at Patton's School House, we drove into the town of Franklin, and at night, in the Methodist Chapel, after evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel and Mr. Deal, I preached and confirmed one person.

The next day we returned to Waynesville, and on Saturday continued our journey to Glencoe.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity, August 24th, in the chapel at Glencoe, after morning prayer by Rev. Dr. Buel, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. The Sunday School convened immediately after the service, and I made an address to the teachers and pupils. In the evening we returned to Asheville, where I had the satisfaction of meeting Bishop Atkinson, who had arrived there two days before from Virginia, greatly improved in health and strength. Monday and Tuesday I remained in Asheville, arranging various Diocesan matters with the Bishop.

Wednesday, August 27th, I left for Morganton, and arrived there at a late hour that night. Thursday, August 28th, I spent part of the morning in visiting our school property, and inspecting the building. I found it built up nearly to the top of the second story windows, where the work had ceased for lack of sufficient funds to put it under roof. I made arrangements for resuming work without further delay. I was considerably disappointed in the way the building had been erected, but did not learn until some time afterward of the very serious objections which were raised, and I then wrote at once, ordering a cessation of the work. As soon as I could do so, I secured the services of an experienced, practical man, who carefully examined the building and made his report to me. I was unwilling to assume any further responsibility in the matter, and I judged it most expedient to take no further steps until the meeting of our Annual Convention. My present wish is that a committee be now appointed to take the whole matter into consideration and report to this Convention at as early a day as possible.

On the evening of the day thus spent in Morganton, I preached in Grace Church. Rev. Mr. Oertel had but recently entered upon his duties as Rector of the Parish, and was welcomed with much kindness and cordiality.

The same night, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Falls, I left for Hickory, arriving at midnight.

Friday, 29th, I held the first service in the new Church of the Ascension, which was not yet fully completed. It is a very neat edifice, and of ample capacity. I have been much troubled that the congregation should be so long without any regular ministrations, and I am glad to know that arrangements have been made for the speedy supply of what is so much needed. On the occasion of my visit, the Rev. Mr. Falls read morning prayer, I baptized three infants, preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized a child at a private house, and, at night, preached again in the Church.

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity, August 31st, in St. James' Church, Lenoir, Caldwell county, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Bush, conducted the service. I preached, confirmed three persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

In the afternoon, I went to the house of a colored family, where I confirmed two sick persons, and one white man, who desired to avail himself of the opportunity.

At night, in St. James' Church, I baptized six children and preached.

Tuesday, September 2d, in the Methodist Chapel at Patterson, after morning prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bush, I preached, confirmed two persons, and administered the Holy Communion. I was pleased to notice, both here and at Lenoir, decided evidences of increased interest and prosperity. Wednesday, September 3d, I crossed the Blue Ridge, and reached Valle Crucis quite late in the evening.

Thursday, September 4th, in the Methodist Chapel, Valle Crucis, Rev. Mr. Bell conducted the service, and I preached. Friday, September 5th, in St. John's Church, near Valle Crucis, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Bell, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, on horseback, I crossed one of the spurs of the Blue Ridge, and at night, in a private house at Banner's Elk, I confirmed one person. Saturday, September 6th, in a school-house,

in the same place, Mr. Bell conducted the service, and I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Shortly after the service, we returned to Valle Crucis, where I had secured a strong but rather rough conveyance, and proceeded on at once to Boone. Some miles from Valle Crucis, I stopped at a private house, by previous appointment, where I baptized an infant and confirmed a sick person.

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 7th, in the Methodist Chapel at Boone, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Bell, I preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Holy Communion. Also baptized an infant.

Monday, September 8th, in the Methodist Chapel, Elk X Roads, the service was conducted by Rev. Messrs. R. W. Barber and Bell. I baptized an infant, preached, confirmed two persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

I saw abundant evidences of the excellent work which Mr. Bell is doing in this wide mission field—quite large enough to give ample employment to two vigorous and active men. A church building is specially needed at Boone, and efforts are now being made to secure its speedy erection.

Tuesday, September 9th, in the Methodist Chapel at Jefferson, Ashe county, Rev. Mr. Barber read morning prayer and I preached.

At night, after evening prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber, I preached in the new Union Chapel at Ore Knob. A large and interesting field is opened to us in this rich mining district, and a great desire expressed for the stated services of the Church. Thus far we have been unable to make any provision to meet this want.

Wednesday, September 10th, spent the day on the road, which we found a pretty rough one, journeying as far as Rev. Mr. Barber's, near Wilkesboro.

Thursday, September 11th, proceeded on to Elkin, and at night, in the Presbyterian Church in that place, Rev. Mr. Barber said evening prayer and I preached.

Friday, September 12th, drove on to Gwynn's Chapel, and after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 14th, in St. Paul's Church, Wilkesboro, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Barber, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, September 16th, in Trinity Church, Statesville, I conducted the evening service and preached. This Parish was then without any Rector, and the vacancy has not yet been supplied. I understand that provision will shortly be made, in connection with the Church at Hickory.

Wednesday, September 17th, in All Saint's Church, Concord, Cabarrus county, the Rev. Dr. Wheat, who was just recovering from a severe illness, assisted me in the evening service; after which I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them. I was very much encouraged by what has been accomplished here. Rev. Dr. Wheat took charge of this work several months previous to my visit. As the result of his zealous and faithful labors, the congregation steadily increased, and, at his suggestion, purchased the venerable and solid brick building which was occupied by the Presbyterians, before the erection of their new edifice. The building has been put in good repair, fitted up very neatly and appropriately, and makes a very commodious and comfortable house of worship. I greatly regret the necessity which has compelled Dr. Wheat to give up a work in which he was so deeply interested, and so eminently acceptable; and where there was every promise of the most cheering results.

Thursday, September 18th, I went to Greensboro and remained until the following morning, when I returned to Raleigh.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 21st, I conducted the morning service and preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, in the absence of the Rector.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 28th, preached again in the same church.

Monday, September 29th, in St. Augustine's Church, Raleigh, took part in the funeral service of Rev. Geo. A. C. Cooper, and made an address.

The sudden death of the Rev. Mr. Cooper has proved a very serious loss to the Parish of St. Augustine, where he was statedly officiating, and to the interests of our Normal School, in which he was proving himself a most efficient teacher. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and of most excellent acquirements, coupled with great uprightness and integrity of character. These qualities, united as they were with unusual modesty and dignity of deportment, won for him the high respect and esteem, not only of those with whom he was brought in contact, in the discharge of his official duties, but of the entire community. It is hard for us to understand why one so eminently useful, and so greatly needed, should have been so early called to his reward. But "God's ways are not as our ways, neither are His thoughts our thoughts."

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity, October 5th, in Christ Church, Raleigh, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, October 7th, left for New York, to take part, the following week, in a Missionary Conference.

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 12th, preached in Christ Church, East Orange, New Jersey, and in the afternoon, in the same church, made an address on the mission work in this Diocese.

Tuesday, October 14th, went to New York and attended a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society, and at night, in Grace Church, attended the opening service of the Missionary Conference, when the annual sermon before the Board of Missions was preached by the Bishop of Connecticut. The subsequent meetings of the Missionary Conference were held

in Association Hall, where, on Thursday, October 16th, I delivered an address on the encouragements to the evangelization of the coloured people of the South.

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 10th, in St. Barnabas' Church, Newark, New Jersey, at the request of the Bishop of Pennsylvania, and by permission of the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Northern New Jersey, I admitted to the Priesthood, Rev. Benjamin R. Phelps, Deacon.

At night, in Calvary Church, New York, I made an address on the moral and spiritual condition of the coloured people of the South.

Tuesday, October 21st, in St. Mark's Church, Orange, New Jersey, I took part in the funeral service of the late lamented Bishop of Maryland.

I cannot make this record without pausing to say a few words in connection with the death of this eminent servant of God, to whom I was bound by the tenderest and most endearing ties.

It was my great privilege to be a member of his family during the three years in which I was pursuing my studies at the General Theological Seminary, of which institution he was then a prominent and honoured Professor. He was elected to the Episcopate of Maryland only a week before I completed my studies, and I had the satisfaction of accompanying him to his new field of labours and being present at his consecration on the 17th of September following. Three days later, on Sunday, September 20th, at his first ordination, held in Christ Church, Baltimore, I was admitted by him to the Diaconate, and shortly after entered upon the charge of a Parish in his Diocese. I continued for ten years in the same charge, during which time I was brought into very frequent and intimate intercourse with him. He ordained me to the Priesthood in December of 1841, and finally acted as my consecrator when I was admitted to my present office, in Raleigh, on the 11th of December, 1873. During all these years he was to me as a father, or rather, I may say, as an elder brother,

and I learned to love and reverence him with an intensity of devotion which was only strengthened with my advancing years. I should do great injustice to my own feelings, did I not bear testimony to his remarkable purity, integrity and holiness of life; his large hearted and tender sympathy; his unaffected modesty and humility; his kindling zeal; his deep devotion to the interests of the Church of Christ, and his spirit of self-sacrifice, which seemed to know no limit.

He was a man of extraordinary learning, of untiring industry, of deep and strong convictions and of unflinching boldness in the maintenance of them. He had the guilelessness and simplicity of a child, and was himself so honest and unsuspecting that he was often imposed upon by artful and unscrupulous men.

He was, perhaps faulty at times in his judgment as to what was wisest and best to be done; but whatever course he felt to be right, *that* he pursued, utterly regardless of any personal consequences to himself. He was ever a bold and fearless champion of what he was persuaded was the truth of God, and that truth he held to be so sacred, that he could not bear any tampering with it, or any time-serving expedients for escaping from its demands. Notwithstanding his feeble health which, for many years, almost incapacitated him for public duty, he was still ever struggling to fulfill his office, and he has made such an impress upon the Diocese over which he presided, that its moulding influence will assuredly be felt for very many years to come.

I esteemed it to be a special privilege to be near at hand when his final summons came, and to take part in the last sad office over his loved remains. It was a day long to be remembered, and I am sure that all who were present were deeply impressed by the simple, yet solemn circumstances which attended that touching burial. "He was a burning and a shining light," and many were they who "rejoiced in his light." Shortly after the funeral services, I returned to New York, and left the same evening for Baltimore, and proceeded on, after two days, to Raleigh.

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity, October 26th, preached in the Chapel of St. Mary's School.

The next day I left home to enter upon my autumnal visitation.

Tuesday, October 28th, I preached in the Presbyterian Church in Milton, Caswell county, after evening prayer by Rev. Wellington E. Webb, of Virginia.

Wednesday, October 29th, in a Methodist Chapel, about two miles from Colonel Cuninghams, in Person county, after morning prayer by Rev. W. E. Webb, I preached, confirmed four persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Friday, October 31, I preached in the Baptist house of worship at Reidsville, after evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton.

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, November 2d, in the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville, Rockingham county, after morning prayer by Rev. Jno. T. Clark, I preached, confirmed eight persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. We had large congregations at both services, and I was glad to observe a very considerable increase of interest in the work of the Church, with every promise of decided growth and prosperity.

Monday, November 3d, I conducted the service and preached in Mountain Chapel, in the same county.

Tuesday, November 4th, preached in the Presbyterian Church at Madison, assisted in the service by Rev. J. T. Clark.

Wednesday, November 5th, in Hairston's Chapel, Stokes county, Mr. Clark conducted the service and I preached.

Thursday, November 6th, in a school-room at Germanton, Stokes county, after morning prayer by Rev. W. S. Bynum, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. I afterwards baptized an infant in a private house in the same place.

Saturday, November 8th, in Winston, I baptized an adult by immersion.

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, November 9th, in St. Paul's Church, Winston, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr.

Bynum, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening, baptized an adult, preached and confirmed two persons.

Monday, November 10th, preached in the parlor of a private house, a few miles from Huntsville, after evening prayer by Rev. Mr. Bynum.

Tuesday, November 11th, in the large room of an unoccupied house at Huntsville, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Bynum, I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, November 12th, in St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, Davie county, I read the morning service, preached and confirmed one person. It is many years since a service has been held in this church, but I trust we shall be able, very soon, to make arrangements for at least occasional services. The building is a substantial one, but needs some little repairs. In the evening, baptized a child at a private house.

Thursday, November 13th, in St. Andrew's Church, Rowan county, Rev. Mr. Murdoch and Rev. Dr. Wetmore conducted the services and I preached.

Friday, November 14th, in Christ Church, Rowan county, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Murdoch and Rev. Dr. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed six persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Saturday, November 15th, in St. Mary's Chapel, Rowan county, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Murdoch, I preached, confirmed nine persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion.

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity, November 16th, in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, Rev. Mr. Murdoch read morning prayer, I baptized an infant, preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night, preached again, confirmed nine persons and addressed them.

Monday, November 17th, in the Church of the Redemption, Lexington, after evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Wetmore, I preached and confirmed one person.

Tuesday, November 18th, in the Academy at Thomasville, Dr. Wetmore read evening prayer and I preached.

Wednesday, November 19th, in the Baptist house of worship, High Point, after evening prayer by Rev. Drs. Sutton and Wetmore, I preached, confirmed two persons and addressed them.

Thursday, November 20th, in Barnabas' Church, Greensboro, after evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Sutton and Rev. Mr. Bynum, I preached and confirmed one person.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity, November 23d, I took part in the service at Christ Church, Raleigh, in the morning, and the Church of the Good Shepherd at night, when the venerable Bishop Green, of Mississippi, preached.

Thursday, November 27th, Thanksgiving Day, I preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh. Left the next day for Baltimore.

First Sunday in Advent, November 30th, preached, in the morning, in the Church of Our Saviour, Baltimore, and at night took part in the service at Grace Church, when Bishop Atkinson preached.

Tuesday, December 2d, in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, the memorial service was held, and sermon preached by Bishop Atkinson, commemorative of the late Bishop Wittingham, of Maryland. I took part in the service, and in the administration of the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, December 3d, the memorial sermon was repeated, by request, in the Church of the Epiphany, Washington City; on which occasion I took part in the service.

Thursday, December 4th, in St. Luke's Church, Washington, after evening prayer, made an address in regard to Church Work among the coloured people in the South.

Friday, December 5th, returned to Baltimore, and took the train at night for Pittsburgh, Penn.

Second Sunday in Advent, December 7th, in Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Penn., I preached and administered the Holy Com-

munion. In the afternoon, at a Sunday School service in the church, I delivered an address in regard to our Mission Work in North Carolina and our efforts in connection with the coloured people. I received a very handsome offering, through the collection taken up at the time, with the promise of further help from the Sunday School.

Third Sunday in Advent, December 14th, preached in the Church of the Ascension, Washington City.

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 21st, took part in the service at Christ Church, Raleigh, that day being the semi-centennial anniversary of the consecration of the old church edifice.

Thursday, December 25th, in Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

First Sunday after Christmas, December 28th, preached in Christ Church.

Second Sunday after Christmas, January 4th, 1880, in St. Mary's Chapel, Raleigh, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 11th, preached in Church of the Good Shepherd.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany, in St. Augustine's Chapel, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Sexagesima Sunday, February 1st, in a hall, at Durham, after morning prayer by Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Jr., I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, preached again, confirmed four persons and addressed them. We had large congregations at both services, and a greatly increased interest seems to be manifested in the establishment of our Church in this rapidly growing place. I was pleased to learn that an eligible lot had been secured for the erection of a church building, and a considerable amount subscribed towards it. A very neat and graceful design has been obtained for the building, and with some little outside sympathy and aid, it is hoped that its erection may speedily be accomplished.

Quinquagesima Sunday, February 8th, preached in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh.

First Sunday in Lent, February 15th, in Union Chapel, near Wake Forest, I conducted the service and preached. I have been endeavoring to make arrangements for regular services at this point, as well as others in Wake county, and I hope, before long, to find some active and zealous man, to whom we can confide this important work. The next day, in the same neighborhood, baptized a child.

Second Sunday in Lent, in St. James' Church, Kittrell, I administered the Holy Communion at an early service, and at the later morning service, preached, confirmed five persons and addressed them. Preached again in the evening. I was assisted in all the services by the Rev. Van Winder Shields, who has recently come into the Diocese from Mississippi, and taken charge of the Church at Kittrell. He has been very warmly welcomed by the people, and I was pleased to find many indications there of increasing progress and prosperity.

Third Sunday in Lent, February 29th, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. The active and zealous Rector of this Parish has been much indisposed during the winter, and I have gladly given him my help when I have been in the city.

Fourth and Fifth Sundays in Lent, in the same church, I assisted in the services and administered the Holy Communion, preaching, also, on the latter of the two Sundays.

Friday, March 19th, I left home to enter upon my spring visitation, going that day to Murfreesboro. And on the following day, Saturday, March 20th, in St. Barnabas' Church, in that place, after morning prayer by Rev. J. A. Weston, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, preached again and confirmed two persons. It gratified me to observe that some much needed repairs had been made in the

church building, but there is much more which requires to be done

Sunday before Easter, March 21st, in St. John's Church, Winton, after morning prayer by Mr. Weston, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening. Both here and at Murfreesboro, the interests of the Church are suffering for lack of more frequent services and pastoral care, which it is impossible for the present incumbent to render, while burdened with the whole direction of the work of the churches in three populous counties. We do sadly need a great increase in the staff of our Missionaries, and that increase it would not be difficult to secure, if only a deeper sympathy were shown in this work, and a larger-hearted liberality in contributions for carrying it forward.

Tuesday, March 23d, in St. Mary's Church, Gatesville, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Weston, I preached, confirmed four persons and administered the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, March 24th, in St. Peter's Chapel, Gates county, preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Good Friday, March 26th, in Holy Trinity Church, Hertford, Perquimans county, after morning prayer by Mr. Weston, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. At night, preached again, confirmed two persons and addressed them.

Saturday, March 27th, I was driven in the morning to Elizabeth City, and, in the afternoon, in St. Joseph's Church, Camden, after evening prayer by Rev. Mr. Kiernan, I made an address and confirmed two persons. The day was very rainy and disagreeable, so that it was well nigh impossible for those who desired to do so, to get to the church. It was a great pleasure to me to see the neat and well ordered church building, which had been erected since my visit, two years before, and I deeply regretted the disappointment, which the storm occasioned, to the large number who had been looking forward, with so much interest, to the service.

Easter day, March 28th, in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Kiernan, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

During my stay in this Parish, I was much saddened in view of the heavy loss recently sustained by it and our whole Diocese, in the lamented death of Colonel William F. Martin. Before the members of this Convention, to whom he was so well known, it is not needful for me to recount his many and rare virtues. Deeply devoted, as he was, to the Church, he always gave it the first place in his thoughts and his heart. He was ever ready to labour for it, and in every way help forward its plans and its interests. He was a most judicious and valuable co-worker in these, our Annual Conventions, and never failed to be present unless some extraordinary hindrance prevented his attendance. Large-hearted and generous in his disposition, full of kindness, tenderness and sympathy, what a void has been created in the home made bright by his presence, and the Parish to which he was so deeply devoted. May God, in His mercy, comfort the stricken hearts of those who are more nearly affected by his loss, and raise up, for the Diocese, others like-minded, to walk in his worthy steps.

Monday, March 29th, consecrated the new chapel erected near Newbegun Creek, under the name of St. John's. The sentence of consecration was read by Rev. J. Kiernan, who also read morning prayer. I preached and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday, March 30th, in St. Barnabas' Chapel, near Woodville, Perquimans county, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Weston, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Went the same evening to Hertford.

Wednesday, March 31st, left in the morning for Edenton, and assisted at evening prayer in St. Paul's, at 5 o'clock. At night a service was held in the same church, more especially for the

coloured people, when Rev. Mr. Drane conducted the service and I preached. It gratified me to notice the erection of a very neat chapel at Edenton for a coloured congregation. The building is nearly completed.

Thursday, April 1st, in St. Paul's Church, I preached and administered the Holy Communion in the morning, and preached again in the evening, the Rector, Rev. Mr. Drane, assisting in the services.

Friday, April 2d, crossed the sound in the evening to Plymouth.

Saturday, April 3d, in St. Luke's Church, Washington county, after morning prayer by Rev. H. G. Hilton, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion.

First Sunday after Easter, April 4th, in St. David's Church, same county, Mr Hilton conducted the service. I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. Mr. Hilton resigned his connection with this Parish some months ago, since which time they have only had the advantage of lay service. They are very anxious to have a Clergyman who will reside among them, and I have good reason to believe that their wishes in this respect will be speedily gratified. There is a very large and encouraging field here for missionary work.

Monday, April 5th, in Columbia, Tyrrell county, consecrated the new church erected there, under the name of St. Andrew's. The sentence of consecration was read by Rev Mr. Hilton, who also conducted the morning service. I preached, confirmed three persons and addressed them. As soon as a resident minister is provided at St. David's, it is expected that he will hold regular services at Columbia, where the prospects of the Church are encouraging.

Tuesday, April 6th, in Grace Church, Plymouth, after evening prayer by Rev. Mr. Hilton, I preached and confirmed one person.

Wednesday, April 7th, in Union Chapel, Jamesville, Martin county, I was assisted in the morning service by Rev. Mr.

Haughton and Rev. Messrs. Israel Harding and N. Harding. I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Proceeded on in the afternoon to Williamston; and, at night, in the Church of the Advent, after evening prayer by Rev. Mr. Haughton, I preached and confirmed four persons.

Thursday, April 8th, preached again in the same church and administered the Holy Communion. Went to Hamilton in the evening.

Friday, April 9th, in the room occupied by the congregation of St. Martin's Parish, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Hilton, who is now in charge of the Parish, I preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Holy Communion. A very earnest effort has been made by the few families belonging to our Church in this place, to secure a church building, for which the contract has been made, and it is hoped that the edifice will be completed in the course of the summer. A very eligible lot has been procured, and the architectural design adopted, gives promise of a neat and churchly building. I left in the afternoon for the ferry, over the Roanoke, where Rev. Mr. Wootten met me, and accompanied me to Woodville, Bertie county.

Saturday, April 10th, in Grace Church, Bertie county, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Wootten, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. Went to Windsor in the afternoon.

Second Sunday after Easter, April 11th, in St. Thomas' Church, Windsor, preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Monday, April 12th, consecrated the chapel recently erected at Avoca, near Capehart's Fishery, Bertie county, under name of the Holy Innocents. The sentence of consecration was read by Rev. Mr. Wootten, who also read morning prayer, assisted by Rev. R. B. Drane. I preached and administered the Holy Communion. This chapel was much needed, and its erection has been in contemplation for a long time. It was a painful Provi-

dence that the person who had been most anxious for it, and whose zealous efforts secured the accomplishment of the work, did not live to witness its completion. He was called away very suddenly, and his grave is now seen only a few steps from the church.

The same evening I took passage in the steamer for Franklin, and the next morning proceeded on by rail to Seaboard, and thence by carriage to Jackson, Northampton county. That evening, Tuesday, April 13th, I preached in the Church of Our Saviour, the Rev. Gilbert Higgs reading the service.

Wednesday, April 14th, in same church, I preached again and administered the Holy Communion, assisted in the service by the Rector. Went to Weldon in the afternoon, accompanied by Mr. Higgs.

Thursday, April 15th, in Grace Church, Weldon, after morning prayer by the Rev. Dr. Smith and Rev. Mr. Higgs, I preached, confirmed two persons and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again in the evening.

Friday, April 16th, in St. Mark's Church, Halifax, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Rev. Dr. Smith assisting in the services.

Saturday, April 17th, St. Clement's Church, Ringwood, after morning prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Holy Communion.

Third Sunday after Easter, April 18th, at Enfield, Halifax county, consecrated the very neat and commodious edifice just completed there, under the name of the Church of the Advent. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Dr. Smith, who also read morning prayer. I preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. The congregation was a very large one, many coming from a great distance to participate in the services. The prospects of the Church here are very encouraging.

The next day I went to Scotland Neck, and on Tuesday, April 10th, in Trinity Church, after morning prayer by Rev. Dr. Smith, I preached, confirmed five persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. There was a heavy thunder-storm in the early morning, which only broke away about an hour before the service. This kept many away, who lived at a considerable distance from the church. But notwithstanding the storm, we had quite a large congregation. The next day I returned to Enfield, and took the train in the evening for Rocky Mount.

Upon my arrival there, I was much pained to hear that Bishop Atkinson had just left, on the same train, for Wilmington, having come that morning from Tarboro. He had been severely attacked with sickness while on his visitation at Durham's Creek, and found himself too feeble to proceed with his appointments. He hoped, however, that a few days' rest might enable him to resume them at New Berne.

Friday, April 23d, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount, after morning prayer by the Rector, Rev. Mr. Bronson, I preached, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion. Went the next day to Wilson.

Fourth Sunday after Easter, April 25th, in St. Timothy's Church, Wilson, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Bronson, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again at night, and confirmed one person. Mr. Bronson has been very cordially welcomed here, and I found many indications of increasing interest, activity and prosperity.

I left the next day by train for Magnolia, and the following morning I was driven over to Kenansville.

Tuesday, April 27th, at a private house in that place, baptized an infant. At night, preached in the Presbyterian Church, after evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Patterson, who very kindly joined me at that place.

Wednesday, April 28th, in St. Paul's Church, Clinton, after evening prayer by Rev. E. W. Gilliam, I preached and confirmed one person.

Thursday, April 29th, I preached in the Presbyterian Church at Faison, after evening prayer by Rev. Dr. Patterson. I had hoped that the church building in the course of erection here, would have been so far completed, that we could have occupied it. But lack of funds has delayed the work. It is expected, however, that no long time will now elapse before the building will be completed.

Friday, April 20th, in the Presbyterian Church at Mt. Olive, after evening prayer by Rev. Mr. Larmour, I preached and confirmed one person.

Fifth Sunday after Easter, May 2d, in St. Stephen's Church, Goldsboro, after morning prayer by the Rector, I preached and administered the Holy Communion. Preached again at night, confirmed two persons and addressed them. This service brought my spring visitation to a close, except the appointments in the city of Raleigh.

I here received a letter from Bishop Atkinson, informing me of his continued disability, and requesting me to visit, if possible, a few of the places in his schedule, before Convention. I at once issued appointments for Kinston, Beaufort and New Berne.

Being very anxious to meet the Bishop and have a conference with him, I left on Monday evening for Wilmington, and spent Tuesday, May 4th, there. I found him quite feeble, and in a condition which rendered it most improbable that he would be able, for some time to come, to make any visitations. I assured him of my readiness to do all in my power to relieve him, and to visit, as speedily as possible, such places, omitted by him, as specially needed a visitation. Wednesday morning, May 5th, I left for Kinston.

Thursday, May 6th, Ascension Day, in St. Mary's Church, I baptized five infants, preached and administered the Holy Communion. Rev. Mr. Larmour and Rev. Mr. Atkinson kindly joined me here, and assisted in the services. This Parish is now

vacant, and sadly needs the services of an active and efficient man. With its attractive church building, and in a town that is steadily growing, a good work might easily be done. The Church of the Holy Innocents in Lenoir county, as well as Snow Hill, have been hitherto united with Kinston in one charge, and continuing thus united, ought to afford a comfortable support for a Clergyman. A parsonage house is about to be built at Kinston, for which the funds are already provided. I left in the evening for Beaufort, arriving there an hour after midnight.

Friday, May 7th, in St. Paul's Church, after evening prayer by Rev. Mr. Forbes, I preached, confirmed eight persons and addressed them. I was glad to find that the venerable Rector seems to be regaining his vigour, under the influence of the bracing air of Beaufort. All seem greatly attached to him, and he is doing an admirable work for the Church. Shortly after the service I crossed over to Morehead City, and at 4 A. M. took the train for New Berne.

Sunday after Ascension, May 9th, I preached in Christ Church, after morning prayer by Rev. Mr. Hale.

At 5 P. M., in St. Cyprian's Church, after evening prayer by Rev. Mr. Atkinson, the minister in charge, I made an address, confirmed eight persons and addressed them.

At night, in Christ Church, after evening prayer by Rev. Messrs. Hale and Atkinson, I confirmed fourteen persons and addressed them. I was much gratified to find this important Parish in so prosperous a state, and was therefore the more troubled to hear of the enfeebled health of the Rector. His withdrawal from the Parish would be a serious calamity, and therefore, I trust that such arrangements may be made as will give him a temporary relief from its duties. I feel quite sure that two months passed in our salubrious mountain districts would send him back greatly strengthened and invigorated.

During my stay in New Berne a deep, tender and wide-spread sympathy was manifested for one of our leading families, over

whose house a heavy shadow was resting. Only a few hours after I had left the city the dreaded summons came, and the last surviving son breathed out his loving spirit. Less than a year ago the eldest son, a brave and noble young man, had sacrificed his life in bold efforts in behalf of others. And now the tender boy, upon whom a double portion of parental love was centered, is suddenly called away. Oh ! let our prayers arise for these sadly stricken hearts that God may lead them to recognize His hand in this painful visitation ; to bow meekly to His holy will while strengthened and supported by the riches of His grace. May the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, pour upon them His abundant consolations, and cheer them with that true "peace of God which passeth all understanding."

Saturday, May 15th, in the Chapel of St. Mary's School, Raleigh, after evening prayer by Rev. B. Smedes, I confirmed eight pupils of the school and addressed them. I am glad to say that this school is still going on prosperously in its great and noble work. Every effort is employed to secure the best advantages in every department, and I believe there is scarce a school in our land more worthy than this the confidence and support of those who value high literary culture, united with thorough refinement and true Christian training.

Whitsunday, May 16th, in Christ Church, Raleigh, after morning prayer by Rev. Dr. Marshall, I preached, confirmed six persons, addressed them, and administered the Holy Communion.

At night, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, after evening prayer by Revs. J. E. C. Smedes, B. Smedes and Rich, I confirmed thirteen persons and addressed them.

Monday, May 17th, at a private house, confirmed a sick person belonging to the congregation of Christ Church.

Trinity Sunday, May 23d, in St. Augustine's Church, Raleigh, after morning prayer by Rev. J. E. C. Smedes and Rev. R. B. Drane, I preached, confirmed ten persons, addressed them and administered the Holy Communion. Rev. Mr. Smedes has

charge of this congregation in connection with his duties as head of St. Augustine's Normal School. He has a very efficient lay reader, who conducts the services when he is called off by other duties. The congregation is in a prosperous state, and is exerting a valuable influence among our coloured population.

On the evening of the same day I took part in the service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Raleigh, when the Rev. Job Turner, a deaf mute, and Deacon of the Diocese of Virginia, rendered the service into the sign language, the pupils of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum being present. He also baptized a child of deaf mute parents, and afterwards preached, the baptismal service and the sermon being also read by the Rector. I was much pleased to learn from Mr. Turner that he expects to spend most of his time in visiting the larger towns and cities of our country, holding services for this very interesting class of persons, and thus enabling them to enjoy occasionally the privileges of our public worship.

To sum up, then, what has thus been recounted in detail, I have officiated in ninety-eight different Parishes, Mission Stations, or at other points within the Diocese; have baptized two adults and twenty-two infants; have confirmed two hundred and twenty-three persons; officiated at two funerals; consecrated four churches; ordained two persons to the Priesthood, and administered the Holy Communion on sixty-seven occasions.

I have been over an unusually large portion of the Diocese during the year, and find much to encourage us in our work. But I am made very sad, at times, by the view of so many opportunities which we are allowing to go unimproved, for lack of sufficient Clergymen to do what is so greatly needed. And, in many cases, this lack of service does not arise from any real inability to provide it, but from a very low estimate, on the part of so many of our people, of what is really due from them for the service of Christ and His Church. So long as contributions to sustain Church services are regarded as charities, and not as debts

owed to the Almighty, so long will men be ever curtailing them within narrower and still narrower limits, while pleading poverty as an excuse for not doing better. And I firmly believe that prosperity, even in temporal things, will not be largely enjoyed by any people who systematically rob God of His dues, and presume to use what He claims as His portion of our substance, for their own private purposes. "Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Of all the fruits of our labours, God claims His portion, and that portion we may not withhold without exposing ourselves to the heavy judgment of the Almighty.

Finally, brethren, let me only add, by way of encouragement, that in all parts of the State which I have visited, I have found an increasing readiness to frequent our services, and listen to the instructions of our Clergy. What we need is a far deeper realization of the duty which rests upon us to extend more widely a knowledge of the doctrines and principles of the Church, and of the strong and cogent argument by which they are upheld and defended. There is an aggressive work in which we are called on heartily to engage, and unless we rise to a proper appreciation of what is thus demanded of us, we may rest assured that a spiritual deadness will take possession of our Parishes. When the constraining love of Christ arouses us to zealous efforts to extend the blessings of the Gospel, then will our own hearts be abundantly refreshed and our own Parishes will become instinct with a higher and a nobler life.

God help us all to realize our great responsibilities and to discharge them as they that must give account.

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